



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 2, 2005

CORN PLANTING PROGRESSES

Cool weather prevailed last week and mostly dry conditions allowed planting to progress. Air temperatures were in the 70's with scattered precipitation reported. There were **5.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending **May 1, 2005**. Farmers made limited progress with **vegetable** planting and **corn** planting was well underway.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 11 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 34 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 9 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 30 percent excellent.

Pastures are reported in mostly good condition with 5 percent fair and 95 percent good. **Hay supplies** are 7 percent very short, 42 percent short and 51 percent adequate.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	52	30	52	60
Wheat Headed	10	3	2	13
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	2	1	3	6
Corn	30	11	36	31
Green Peas	85	65	88	85
Potatoes	70	51	78	75
Snap Beans	16	13	33	27
Sweet Corn	25	20	17	28
Tomatoes	6	4	8	10
Watermelons	2	1	11	7
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	45	37	85	83
Peaches	90	85	92	91
Strawberries	35	11	49	56

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	21	75	4
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	85	15
Five Year Average	-	6	80	14
Subsoil Moisture	-	2	95	3
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	92	8
Five Year Average	3	11	75	11

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.33	14.44	+1.69	71	38	55	-3
Easton	1.04	18.43	+4.21	74	40	57	-3
Frederick	0.80	13.51	+1.70	73	37	53	+0
Frostburg	0.47	15.01	+0.31	66	29	45	-6
Hagerstown	0.61	10.45	-1.18	70	36	53	-4
Mechanicsville	0.90	14.42	+0.08	72	38	55	-4
Patuxent River	0.72	13.58	+0.83	74	40	58	-2
Ocean City	0.25	13.91	-1.12	70	43	56	-3
Salisbury	0.73	14.17	-0.40	73	32	55	-3
Sharpsburg	0.66	12.83	+1.02	73	36	51	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.28	13.85	+2.43	70	40	57	-4
Delaware							
Dover	1.36	15.19	+1.46	72	39	56	-3
Georgetown	0.92	12.58	-1.78	73	37	57	+2
Wilmington	1.13	15.02	+2.14	70	40	55	-3

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